BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-320-G - ORDER NO. 98-501

JULY 2, 1998

IN RE: Application of United Cities Gas Company) ORDER for Approval of a Contract Between United) APPROVING

Cities Gas Company and Nestle' USA, Inc.) CONTRACT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of United Cities Gas Company (United Cities or the Company) for approval of a contract for service between it and Nestle' USA, Inc. (Nestle').

Nestle' has two accounts, the largest being the interruptible account. Although a discount rate will apply to both accounts under the contract, it appears that the agreed upon rate covers cost and makes some contribution. There is also a two year agreement preventing bypass of United Cities by Nestle'.

We have studied the contract, and have determined that it is reasonable. We therefore approve the contract as submitted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Acting Executive Frector

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